

Rockhill Iron and Coal Company Office
(Robertsdale Post Office)
Main Street
Robertsdale
Huntingdon County
Pennsylvania

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Location: Main Street, Robertsdale, Huntingdon County, Pa.

History and Description: The company office building, an imposing, two-and-a-half-story, concrete-block structure, was built around 1917 on the east side of Main Street, just south of the railroad tracks. The important function of this structure is evidenced by the architectural detailing--large, double-hung pairs of sash windows on the facade, transoms at the entrances, brick corbeling at the cornice, and decorative brick quoins, lintels, sills and door surrounds. In tax records, this building was originally valued at \$2,000, more than any other single structure Rockhill owned, after the company store. Since 1965, this building has housed the Robertsdale post office.

Project Information and Sources: This report was part of a larger project to document the Rockhill Iron and Coal Company towns of Robertsdale and Woodvale in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. The project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER), Robert Kapsch, chief, at the request of America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP). For an overview history of the towns that provides the significance and context for this building as well as a comprehensive list of sources see HABS Nos. PA-5553, PA-5484, and PA-5485. See also additional HABS reports on buildings in each town.

Project historian Lola Bennett completed the research and writing for this project during summer 1989 under the direction of Alison K. Hoagland, senior HABS historian. Bennett's work was published as The Company Towns of the Rockhill Iron and Coal Company: Robertsdale and Woodvale, Pennsylvania (Washington, D.C.: HABS/HAER, National Park Service, 1990). Illustrations in the publication include 35mm photographs taken by Bennett; large-format photographs taken by HAER photographer Jet Lowe; and historic photographs from the collections of Thomas L. Matthews, Kenneth Morgan, Ron Morgan, and the Huntingdon County Historical Society. The publication was compiled and edited by HABS historians Kim E. Wallace and Sara Amy Leach. Contemporary 35mm and historic photographs used in the publication as well as other miscellaneous research materials were transmitted to the AIHP collection at Stapleton Library, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pa.